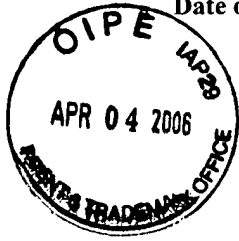


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**A. Introductory Comments:**

This paper accompanies a Request for Continued Examination along with the corresponding fee. With a one month extension of time, this paper is due on or before April 13, 2006. In response to the final Office Action mailed December 13, 2005 in the above-referenced case, please enter the following amendments and consider all remarks prior to further examination of the application.

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